

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Re: District Court case }
 settings & assignments } DIRECTIVE

To avoid unnecessary delay on the third Monday of each month (district court case setting day), to assist counsel in having their matters heard expeditiously, and to have those matters retained by the Judge who initially hears or has the case assigned to him (unless otherwise agreed upon by court and counsel), the following Directive is issued subject to special assignments or adjustments by the Administrative Judge:

Case settings

Vacated or bumped cases, unless done at the request of all counsel, should be double or triple set for the earliest possible date in an effort to have the matters disposed of expeditiously. If counsel request a time certain after their case vacated or bumped, then the case should be set at that Judge's first available date and every effort should be made to avoid a second cancellation.

Automatic case assignment

Civil matters: A civil case is assigned automatically to the Judge who first heard a contested motion or makes a ruling which has a bearing upon the merits of the case. Such case continues as his assignment until its final disposition.

Criminal matters: A criminal case is assigned automatically to the Judge who first hears a preliminary motion or takes a plea. Trial or pre-trial dates will be set at the time a not guilty plea is entered. Every effort should be made to have

the matter set within 90 days even if the same has to be double set. (It is believed that if these matters are set within 90 days fewer not guilty pleas will be entered at the time of arraignment.)

Effective date:

Dated this 7th day of May, 1977.

S/ Edward I Lodge
Administrative District Judge
3rd Judicial District